



## The Carnegie Public Library needs your help!

***We aren't asking for money this time; we need something even more precious: your time.***

The Carnegie Public Library's Public Computer Center is scheduled to open on September 10, 2011. It will be located in the heart of our beautiful downtown, right on Main Street as part of the **B**roadband **T**echnology **O**pportunity **P**rogram. The grant prioritized ADA compliance, low income and diverse populations. This grant, totaling \$3.3 million funds computers, training, partnerships and a public awareness campaign to develop or augment Public Computer Centers in public libraries and Tribal centers. Area residents in need of computer training and assistance with education, work force, health, and other support will find help at our public computing center. We received nearly \$30,000 for hardware, software, and other costs associated with opening a place where all of our residents can learn to use computers and access the Internet. Unfortunately, the grant did **not** include funding for staffing our Public Computer Center. Because of the current economic situation and the Library's already underfunded and understaffed status, we must rely on volunteers to run the center.

**Can you help?** By committing to one two-hour shift per week, you can give your family, friends, neighbors, constituents, and your customers the chance to access information, apply for employment, and pursue educational goals. Knowing how to use a computer is no longer an optional skill; it's difficult to be an active member of the 21<sup>st</sup> century if you aren't connected.

If you have people skills, we need you. If you enjoy teaching, we need you. If you don't have strong computer skills, we still need you because the Colorado State Library will offer training.

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